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**Jack Kofoed Says**

## When 'McCarthyism' Became a Byword

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A NEW SLANT ON AN OLD SUBJECT

Was a time when I would bristle  
If a fella stopped to whistle  
When I ambled down the street,  
But now, my dear,  
I will say, without evasion,  
That a whistle, on occasion,  
Is a welcome, reassuring  
Thing to hear.

—MAURINE C. DUPUY

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HAVE YOU been wondering about James Donovan, the New York attorney? A private citizen, like any one of a million lawyers throughout the nation. Donovan did all the negotiating in ransom discussions about Bay of Pigs prisoners. This was a private deal, not a government one, as the administration has repeated over and over. Bobby Kennedy put the bite on pharmaceutical manufacturers for gifts of drugs, and on the Catholic Church to raise money for wealthy communicants in order to satisfy the Cuban dictator.

It is not legal for private individuals to deal with foreign governments, yet that is what Mr. Donovan did, and even blessing by the President and attorney general did not alter the fact.

Recently the U.S. made another arrangement with Fidel Castro, permitting him to name 900 refugees to the U.S., in payment for permitting 900 Americans in Cuba to be repatriated. That was a job for the State Department, but giving Donovan the assignment seems a tacit admission that no one on the staff was capable.

Washington keeps as tight a lip on this as they do on the Status of Forces Treaty. When either subject comes up, they do the best imita-

the hearing and keep Reuther from testifying until the TV cameras had departed in response to public boredom with the show and when "it didn't matter" whether he testified.